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BWSD sets parameters for return to school



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The Bay-Waveland School Board of Trustees meets on Tuesday to discuss how to open the 2020-21 school year.

Distance learning, in-class and home schooling all on the table as district plans post-pandemic schedule

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

The Bay-Waveland School District Board of Trustees — during a special meeting on Tuesday — approved the district's plan for reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

The district's COVID-19 committee — comprised of teachers,

administrators and board members — came up with the current plan, which is "tentative" and will make "appropriate adjustments as additional information, guidelines, and recommendations become available," the plan outline states.

According to the guidelines, there are two learning plans:

Plan A: Will utilize the "regular" schedule for BWSD with

modifications to accommodate current social distancing guidelines.

Plan B: Will serve for students with compromised immune systems or parents who have a fundamental reasoning for not sending

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GOV. EXTENDS 'SAFE RETURN'



Photo by Cassandra Favre

The Mississippi State Department of Health, assisted by the National Guard, conducts mobile COVID-19 testing in Hancock County last week at the Hancock County Government Complex on Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis.

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Gov. Tate Reeves on Friday extended the "Safe Return" or-

der until Monday, July 6 at 8 a.m. to "protect Mississippians and limit transmission as cases rise in the state."

"The threat is far from over," Reeves said. "Extending our Safe Return order will give us much-needed time to assess this rapidly-changing situation and adapt our response to slow the spread. We're taking every step possible at the state level to protect public health, but we can't do it alone. The only way

through this pandemic is together. I urge my fellow Mississippians to do their part to help limit transmission in their communities and take care of each other."

Reeves also signed three other executive orders on Friday.

"From extending the terms of interim or hold-over appointees until the end of the 2021 legislative session to extending unemployment benefits provided to Mississippi workers until the end of

the July 2020, the governor is committed to reducing the strain that this crisis has created on every aspect of Mississippians' lives and livelihoods," the release from the governor's office states.

The orders can be viewed on seacoastecho.com. The current orders, along with previously issued COVID-19-related orders, can be viewed via the governor's website at www.governorreeves.ms.gov/covid-19.

Retiring the Mississippi State Flag

Governor, local officials speak on historic event

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Tate Reeves during a ceremony on Tuesday signed House Bill 1796, which retires Mississippi's current state flag.

"Tonight, I am signing a law to turn a page in Mississippi - by retiring the flag that we have flown since 1894," Reeves said. "This was a hard conversation for Mississippi, but family conversations can often be hard."

Reeves said that over the past few weeks, he has heard that the "eyes of the nation" were on Mississippi.

"Franky, I'm not all that concerned about the eyes of the nation,"

he said. "I do care, however, about looking in the eyes of everyone of my neighbors and making sure they know that their state recognizes the equal dignity and honor they possess as a child of the South, a child of Mississippi, and yes, as a child of an Almighty God. The eyes I care about belong to my daughters — Tyler, Emma, and Maddie. And your children and grandchildren. And the eyes of all of our fellow Mississippians."

Reeves said that he knows there are people who are unhappy to see

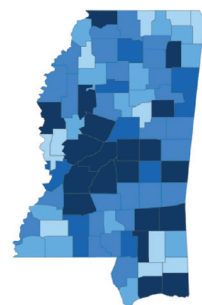
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Gov. Tate Reeves speaks Tuesday on the retirement of the Mississippi State Flag.

COVID-19 numbers continue to climb

Mississippi COVID-19
Cases and Deaths by Race with Ethnicity
as of 6 pm CT, June 29, 2020



Total Cases						
27,247						
	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black	White	Other	Unknown
Non-Hispanic	369	76	12,276	6,443	380	79
Hispanic	8	1	47	337	994	38
Unknown Ethnicity	649	11	1,254	773	1,091	2,421

Total Deaths						
1,073						
	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black	White	Other	Unknown
Non-Hispanic	49	0	523	414	2	0
Hispanic	1	0	0	7	8	1
Unknown Ethnicity	18	0	17	24	5	4

ECHO STAFF

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) on Tuesday reported 680 new cases of COVID-19 in the state, with 14 new deaths, although no new cases or deaths were reported in Hancock County.

"Mississippi's total of COVID-19 cases since March 11 now stands at 27,247, with 1,073 deaths,"

according to the agency's statement on Tuesday. "Currently there are 560 Mississippians hospitalized with confirmed COVID-19 infection, and 219 with suspected COVID-19."

Of the new cases reported Tuesday, 27 were among residents in long-term care facilities, MSDH said.

Tuesday's totals followed a days-long trend, with COVID-19 infections

continuing to spike in Mississippi and elsewhere in the nation. On Monday, MSDH reported 675 new cases and 20 new deaths. Eighteen of the confirmed deaths on Monday occurred between May 5 and June 22, identified from death certificate reports,

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DH MARINE BOB WALKER CELEBRATES 100TH YEAR



Photos by Cassandra Favre
The Diamondhead Marines on Friday celebrated the 100th birthday of Robert “Bob” Francis Walker. Bob is World War II veteran and Iwo Jima survivor. He is the recipient of the Purple Heart Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with star, the American Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal



Celebrating 100 years of Women’s Right to Vote this Saturday in Waveland

ECHO STAFF
In celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment on July 4th, in spite of no planned

Destination Waveland and fireworks, local woman plan to walk down Coleman Avenue from City Hall to War Memorial at 6 p.m. to

commemorate their right to vote. Everyone is invited to join the walk. It is expected that there will be social distancing and face masks.

Waveland Fireworks - Postponed

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As Waveland continues to contain the coronavirus spread, the city of Waveland has decided to postpone the annual Fourth of July fireworks display at the Garfield Ladner Pier until labor day weekend.

City officials say they have looked into other alternatives, but in the end, postponing the event was the responsible choice. Waveland cannot responsibly hold a large 4th July gathering until the coronavirus’s threat has substantially decreased. Waveland is following the advice of the healthcare community.

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the flag change and fear “erasing our history.”

“I understand those concerns and am determined to protect Mississippi from that dangerous outcome,” he said. “I also understand the need to commit the 1894 flag to history, and find a banner that is a better emblem for all Mississippi. There is a difference between monuments and flags. A monument acknowledges and honors our past. A flag is a symbol of our present, of our people, and of our future. For those reasons, we need a new symbol.”

Reeves said as a young man, he couldn’t have “understood the pain that some of our neighbors felt when they looked at our flag — a pain that made many feel unwelcome and unwanted.”

“Today, I hear their hurt,” Reeves said. “It sounds different than the outrage we see on cable TV in other places. It sounds like Mississippians, our friends, and our neighbors, asking to be understood.”

Reeves said that he had “long believed” the path towards reconciliation for Mississippi would be for the “people to retire this symbol on their own at the ballot box. And I believe we would have eventually chosen that outcome — a deliberate consensus by a thoughtful people.”

“I am not a man who likes to change his mind,” Reeves said. “But through prison riots, Easter tornadoes, a pandemic the likes of which we haven’t seen in over 100 years, and now this flag fight, all in just a few months, I have taken to replacing sleeping with praying.”

Reeves said the “economy is on the edge of a cliff,” and lives are dependent on “us cooperating and being careful

to protect one another.”

“I concluded our state has too much adversity to survive a bitter fight of brother against brother,” Reeves said. “We must work to defeat the virus and the recession and not be focused on trying to defeat each other. So last week, as the legislature deadlocked, the fight intensified, and I looked down the barrel of months of more division. I knew that our path forward was to end this battle now. There are people on either side of the flag debate who may never understand the other. We as a family must show empathy. We must understand that all who want change are not attempting to erase history. And all who want the status quo are not mean-spirited or hateful.”

Reeves said that there is no “better way” for Mississippians to come together than to include “In God We Trust” on the new state flag.

“The people of Mississippi, black and white, and young and old, can be proud of a banner that puts our faith front and center,” Reeves said. “We can unite under it. We can move forward — together. And know healing will not happen by a bill or by a politician or by a legislative body. It must be done neighbor to neighbor, brother to brother, and sister to sister, together as a family. Because reconciliation is something that only God can bring.”

Reeves referenced his inaugural address — which occurred less than six months ago — where he outlined his priorities as “defending our loving culture and growing our economy.”

“I promised to be governor for all Mississippi,” Reeves said. “And I am confident today’s action promotes both objectives. We may not always agree. But as members of the Mississippi family, we do know the bonds we all share: God’s grace. Mississippi

grit. A foundation in our history, and a hope in our future. We can move on, and with God’s help, we will.”

The Mississippi Legislature on Sunday passed the House Bill 1796 — which calls for a redesign of Mississippi’s current state flag — minus the design of the Confederate Battle Flag.

HB 1796 passed House with a vote of 91-23 and the Senate with a vote of 37-14.

The bill allows for the creation of a nine-member commission to redesign the Mississippi State Flag.

According to the bill, Speaker of the House Phillip Gunn will appoint three members; Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann will appoint three members; and Reeves will appoint three members to include a representative from the Mississippi Economic Council, a representative from the Mississippi Arts Commission, and a representative from the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

The bill also states that the flag’s new design must include the words “In God We Trust” and submitted for recommendation by Sept. 14, 2020.

The new flag design will be placed on the ballot for the Nov. 3 election for a “yes” or “no” vote, to “provide that a majority of the qualified electors vote for the new design.”

In a Facebook post dated June 27, Reeves indicated he would sign a bill to change the flag.

“The argument over the 1894 flag has become as divisive as the flag itself, and it’s time to end it,” Reeves said. “If they send me a bill this weekend, I will sign it. We should not be under any illusion that a vote in the Capitol is the end of what must be done — the job before us to bring the state together and I intend to work night and day to do it. It will be harder than recovering

from tornadoes, harder than historic floods, harder than agency corruption, or prison riots or the coming hurricane season — even harder than battling the Coronavirus. For economic prosperity and for a better future for my kids and yours, we must find a way to come together. To heal our wounds, to forgive, to resolve that the page has been turned, to trust each other.”

According to the bill, appointments to the commission must be made no later than July 15.

The commission can also host public meetings and receive written public comments.

District 46 Sen. Philip Moran — in a Facebook post from Sunday — said this vote “was the toughest I have taken in nine years.”

“For myself, this vote was about the negative economic impact that the current flag has on our state and not about any outside influences,” Moran wrote. “Now I am looking forward to the positive economic impact the new flag will bring, including future projects at our military bases and the Stennis Space Center, along with new businesses looking to relocate here. Under the passed legislation, the current flag will be retired respectfully and the citizens will get the opportunity to vote on a new flag this November. I am excited for the future of our state.”

District 122 State Representative Brent Anderson also voted in favor of the flag change.

Hancock County NAACP President Gregory Barabino said Monday that the decision to change the flag was an “excellent” one and “many, many years too

late.”

“One more step towards righting the wrongs of society we live in,” he said. “I applaud those legislators who put their political career on the line for something so controversial.”

Barabino said he hopes this “symbolic” gesture will fuel the process of addressing other issues such as education and wage gaps in Mississippi.

Waveland Helping Hands Community Organization Vice-President Clarence Harris said the change was “long overdue.”

“It was a shame that Mississippi still has to be last to do things,” he said. “At some point, we have to be the first.”

Read HB 1796 in its entirety at www.seacoastecho.com.

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according to MSDH.

MSDH reported 361 new cases on Sunday, with four deaths; 465 cases on Saturday with 13 new deaths -- three of which occurred between June 8 and June 15 and were identified from death certificate reports; and 550 new cases on Friday with six new deaths. On Thursday, June 25, the agency reported 1,092 new cases — the highest one-day

total since the pandemic began — and five new deaths.

As of Tuesday, Hancock County has reported 120 total cases since March 11, with 13 deaths. In Harrison County, 31 new cases and one new death were reported, bringing the totals to 719 total cases of the virus and eight deaths from it. Two new cases were reported in Pearl River County, making the totals 239 cases of COVID-19 with 32 deaths.

Anyone with symptoms of fever, severe cough or severe chest

pains — especially those who are older or in poor health — should make arrangements for testing with their doctor or one of the many healthcare providers now performing testing,” according to MSDH. “Healthcare providers can assess your health history and symptoms, and perform testing for COVID-19 as needed. MSDH is also helping conduct free drive-up testing sites in many parts of the state. Always call ahead to the testing provider for instructions on safely being examined before you visit for your test.”

Some practices affected, parents notified, after BWSD athlete tests positive for COVID-19

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

Dr. Sandra Reed, superintendent of the Bay-Waveland School District, confirmed Wednesday that the district sent letters to some parents of athletes last week that their children may have come into contact with another student who had tested positive for the novel coronavirus.

“We did have a female athlete that tested positive for COVID-19,” Reed said, “and we followed the guidelines from the Mississippi High School Athletic Association and the Mississippi State Department of Health.”

Reed said “there were two different sports that were involved,” including volleyball, but she did not specify the other sport, citing fears that it might

help identify who the student is, in violation of federal medical privacy laws.

“Everybody that has possibly been affected has been notified,” Reed said. “We did this through email and we sent a hard copy (letter) home to the parents.”

Reed said the district advised parents their children may have come into contact with a student who had tested positive for COVID-19 and to seek the guidance of a health professional.

“Out of an abundance of caution, we shut down some of our athletic practices,” Reed said.

However, she said, volleyball practice will resume this Thursday, and the other sport has already resumed its regular schedule.

“The other sport that was involved, the 14-day period has passed,” Reed said.



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their children to school. Under this option, students will utilize Google Classroom in sync with the normal school day. Exams and tests will be proctored in a safe location.

BWSD Board President Casey Favre — who also served on the COVID-19 committee — said that there is also a third option, which is homeschooling, for parents who do not wish to send their child to the BWSD.

As far as social distancing guidelines for meals, recess, and bus schedules, BWSD Superintendent Dr. Sandra Reed said that administrators are meeting with each principal to discuss cafeteria measures.

Reed said that she is also speaking with First Student about making some route adjustments to meet social distancing guidelines. The plan also states that students will be “encouraged to wear masks on the bus” and a “strict seating chart will be utilized on the bus.”

Reed also added that some of the information she’s been reading recently states that “careful consideration is being given to changing the social distancing requirement to three feet instead of six feet.”

According to the district’s plan, prior to the students’ return in August, the classrooms will be cleaned and items without “academic value” will be removed in order to allow for a more thorough cleaning and

social distancing. “Healthy Habits” baskets filled with wipes, hand sanitizers, and masks will be available in each classroom, the plan states. Students will not share materials or supplies and seating charts will be maintained in classrooms.

Parents in attendance Tuesday asked questions about the district’s plan, including how many students will be in a classroom.

“A lot of this will depend on how many students take which option,” Favre said. “By and far, we’re going to be very stretched to do true distance.”

Favre also referenced an article from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

“The general belief in this article was that children contract this virus differently than the adults,” Favre said. “And that social distancing isn’t as big of a deal for kids as it for adults. In fact, their recommendations for mask wearing go back to some of the very primitive recommendations we had at the beginning, which was mask wearing might make children in particularly, more susceptible.”

Favre said that the district’s committee decided that “masks are allowed and masks are encouraged.”

Temperature and symptom screenings will also be performed upon students’ arrival to school every day. There is also a school nurse on each campus, Reed said.

Another community asked if the district had a “plan B” in place should Mississippi or Hancock County become a “hotspot” for

COVID-19.

“I think the plan B is beyond our control,” Favre said. “If we have to go to a plan B, meaning that in school lessons are just not an option, I think it will be taken out of our hands all together and we’ll be 100 percent distance learning. And we won’t have a say. If that happens just here in BWSD, meaning that we see a spike in Hancock County and it’s related to the return to school, then local and state health officials will shut this down. Or it could be an across-the-board process that says schools are closing. I don’t think we, as a school board, will have a say at the point.”

Reed said the district also plans to host a series of parent meetings where the ins and outs of distance learning will be discussed.

With regards to curriculum this year, Reed said that the state superintendent has made it “clear” that there will be “no changes to graduation requirements, no changes to the testing process this year.”

“Her exact words from a superintendent’s only call this past week, were ‘superintendents, I want to be very clear, there will be no waiver of testing this year,’” Reed said.

The district is “aware that a probability exists that BWSD will have one or more students and/or staff members that test positive for COVID-19 during the school year,” the plan states.

The plan includes a 14-day quarantine from school and school-related activities and will require a doctor’s recommendation to return to school. The student

will participate in digital learning.

“Parents will be notified of those that have been in close contact with the individual with the positive test result,” the plan states. “This notification will be via email and a hard copy mailed home. Close contacts with the COVID-19 positive individual will also be quarantined from school and school-related activities for 14 days. Parents of students in groups with the positive students will also be notified via email and hard copy letter and encouraged to closely monitor any symptoms the student may develop. Groups are defined as classes, teams, bus routes, etc.”

Reed said that school officials also spoke with Mississippi’s State Health Officer Dr. Thomas Dobbs, who recommends using common sense and medically-sound methods of decision making.

For instance, Reed said, that if one fourth-grader tested positive, the district would contain the fourth-graders or shut down only one grade level, not the entire school district.

The district is compiling back-to-school packets for parents, which contain all pertinent information related to reopening, and plan to distribute them as early as the end of this week or next week.

In other action:
Following an executive session, the board unanimously approved to amend Reed’s current contract to reflect an an-

nual salary of \$132,500 for the remainder of the contract period, which is two years. Reed’s previous annual salary — upon her hiring in April 2018 — was \$125,000.

The board scheduled a 2020-2021 budget hearing for Monday, July 13 at 5:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20 at 5:30 p.m.

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2nd annual Hancock County Parade of Homes set for July 18th

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The 2nd Annual Hancock County Parade of Homes is set for Saturday, July 18th from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. The parade, which is free and open to the public, will feature homes for sale throughout Hancock County. Parade of Homes guides and maps, produced in partnership with South Mississippi Living Magazine, will be available for pickup at the Hancock County Visitors Center located at 1928 Depot Way in Bay St. Louis on July 1st. The Visitors Center will also serve as “information central” the day of the event. Although attendees can go directly to the homes they wish to visit, they can always start at the Visitors Center to register and pick up all the information needed to get started along the tour.

The Inaugural Parade of Homes held in 2019 exceeded expectations. It was attended by approximately 500 people from 9 states. All homes listed sold within a very quick timeframe, and drew people to every corner of Hancock County. There were representatives from homebuilders, real estate and insurance brokers, title companies, and mortgage lenders who were able to provide all the information

needed to sell and buy a home. Gross sales from the event were over \$12 million. The 2020 Parade is sure to raise the bar even higher, with 39 homes on the tour valued nearly \$15 million in total, and another 5 expected to be added.

The top priority of the event’s sponsors and presenters is the health and safety of event attendees. Here are the safety measures we are taking:

- Providing hand sanitizer at each home and asking attendees to sanitize their hands prior to entering.
- Requesting that those who tour homes wear face masks.
- Some homes may limit the number of people allowed inside at one time. This depends on space and the ease at which people will be able to socially distance.

For those who cannot attend the Parade of Homes or would simply like a preview, a virtual parade will be listed at <http://hancockmsmyhome.com>. All home listings, photos, an interactive Google map, and more will be available for viewing on June 29th.

In-person attendees may register onsite at one of the homes to be entered in the grand prize drawing. Everyone registered will be entered in the drawing, and will get

an extra entry for every home toured. The grand prize is worth over \$3500 and includes all kinds of items that will make the transition to a new home go smoothly. The grand prize drawing will take place on Thursday, July 23rd at Hancock Young Professionals’ Cocktails & Connections event at Lazy Gator in Diamondhead at 5:30 p.m.

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**MDOT and GRPC Seeks Public Comments for
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program**

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Gulf Regional Planning Commission (GRPC) are hosting a 45-day comment period to allow citizens to review and comment on the draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the draft local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The comment period will begin June 19, 2020 and end August 5, 2020.

The STIP is available for review and comment at www.gomdot.com. The public is invited to submit comments to the MDOT by mail, phone, email, or electronic submission. Your comments, thoughts, and suggestions concerning specific transportation needs will be recorded and evaluated as part of the state planning process.

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Opinion

Leaving a positive impression

If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person.” — Mister Rogers

Last Saturday, we attempted to do some fishing with my nephew.

It’s been years and years since I’ve held a fishing pole and I had no advice to offer my nephew.

However, we sat on the seawall at the end of Chartres Street in Cedar Point.

My own childhood is dotted with memories of that particular spot.

My dad grew up on Chartres Street and up until 2005, my Maw Maw and Paw Paw lived there. I spent many a night there enjoying classic movies with my Maw Maw, watching my Paw Paw fry eggs in copious amounts of grease, and enjoying my Maw Maw’s home cooking.

I remember late night fishing, shrimping, and crabbing adventures with my family members.

Even though they are gone now, it felt to good to share and create some of these memories with my favorite little person.

We took a long walk down the seawall to Dunbar Avenue. He asked me about the pilings and I told him that a big storm came and washed the piers away many years ago, along with some of the houses.

I told him about the times when Cass Cass was a little girl and how she spent her time. No story about the seawall would be complete without my mentioning the number of times I stepped on a piece of glass.

He got “so, so, so tired,” so I held him in my arms for the remainder of the walk. He is getting so big and tall now and I won’t be able to carry him much longer, so I take advantage of every chance I get.

It’s no secret that he is probably the most important person in my life. When I’m not feeling like myself or having a bout of depression, the thought of him is sure to bring a smile to my face.

I often listen to the voicemails he leaves me, “Cass Cass, please call me. Love you, bye!”

It is the sweetest sound.

I often wonder if he realizes just how important and how much joy he brought to our lives. I always feel better after talking to him and/or spending some time with him.

He is still five years old and still learning how the

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Wicker Welcomes Confirmation of Mississippi Judge Cory Wilson

Wilson Is 200th Federal Judge Confirmed Under President Trump

Mississippians can take pride in an important moment in the Senate this past week. Judge Cory Wilson of Madison was confirmed to serve a lifetime appointment on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, which includes Mississippi. The Senate’s vote made him the 200th judge to be confirmed since President Donald Trump took office. I encouraged President Trump to nominate Wilson earlier this year and welcome his confirmation.

Judge Wilson, a Moss Point native and Ole Miss graduate, will join the growing number of conservative-minded judges serving on federal appeals courts. These are the highest courts in our nation under the Supreme Court, and they decide major cases on matters affecting all Americans, includ-



From the Senate
By Sen. Roger Wicker

ing life, health care, and religious liberty. Judge Wilson’s voice will be an important addition. He has earned a reputation in Mississippi as a fair and impartial judge committed to the Constitution and the rule of law. I believe he will make his mark on the judiciary in the years to come.

NO VACANCY LEFT BEHIND
A major factor in President Trump’s election victory was his

promise of appointing solid, conservative judges to the federal judiciary. Since he took office, the Senate has made historic progress in confirming his nominees, vowing to leave no vacancy behind. We have approved the most federal judges at this point in a presidency since Jimmy Carter was in office. We have shifted three federal appeals courts to being majority conservative and have boosted conservative majorities on five others. And we are close to turning the Ninth Circuit, long considered the most liberal court.

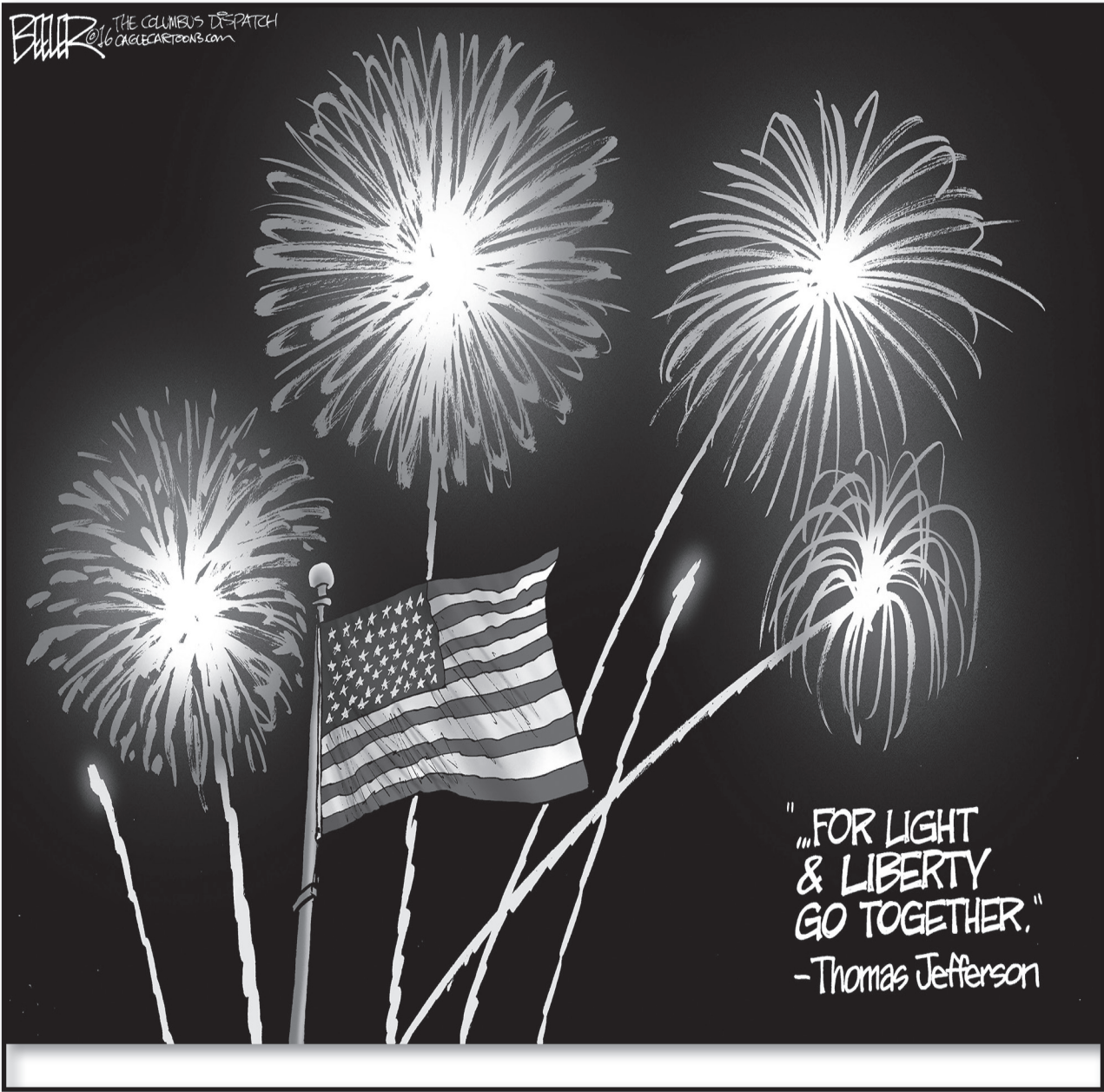
All told, we have confirmed 53 court of appeals judges, 143 district judges, two international trade judges, and two Supreme Court justices. This does not mean every court decision is perfect, but there is no getting around the fact that the courts have

been transformed in the last three years.

Judge Wilson filled the last remaining appeals court vacancy, but there are other federal district court openings – including two in the Southern District of Mississippi. To fill these posts, President Trump has nominated Kristi Johnson of Brandon, our state’s Solicitor General, and Taylor McNeel, a prominent attorney from the Coast. I am working to see these excellent nominees confirmed swiftly.

GUARDING OUR LIBERTIES
Republicans have placed a high priority on judges because of the critical role they play in preserving our freedoms. In Federalist No. 78, Alexander Hamilton called the judiciary the “bulwark of a limited Constitution” and a

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Cottonmouths

Now that the weather has warmed-up and people are getting outside, there will be an increase in activity in the homes of reptiles, so a likely encounter is greater.

Included among the many reptile species of Mississippi is the cottonmouth, or water moccasin as it is commonly called. It derives its name from the white inner-mouth, which is commonly exposed when the snake is threatened.

The cottonmouth is a very heavy-bodied, large pit viper, usually 30 to 42 inches in length and is one of the most abundant snakes found in the South. Cottonmouths found in Mississippi are



Conservation Corner
By James L. Cummins

of the Eastern subspecies and the adults are usually a light brown to tawny-yellow color with light faces. However, adult cottonmouths found in the Delta of Mississippi are of the Western subspecies and

are olive, dark brown, or black in color.

Juvenile cottonmouths are generally lighter in color than the adults. Coloration is generally reddish cross bands on a pink or rusty-ground color with yellow to greenish tails. As juveniles continue to age, they lose these characteristics and after 2 or 3 years acquire the coloration of adults.

Cottonmouths live in almost any type of wetland from brackish marshes of the Gulf Coastal Plain to streams, ponds, lakes, rivers, and cypress swamps and bayous of the rest of the Magnolia State. Occasionally, these snakes are found on land away from any permanent water

source.

During spring and fall, cottonmouths are very active during daylight hours, predominantly during early morning and late afternoon. During summer, when temperatures become extremely hot, they become nocturnal and move frequently under the cover of darkness, during cooler temperatures.

Breeding usually takes place in August and September and the offspring are born 1 year later. After breeding, cottonmouths begin to leave their aquatic habitat for adjacent upland areas where hibernation

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Arrest Record

The following is a list of arrestes logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from the past week. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

ECHO STAFF REPORT

Obel J. Miguel-Perez, 35, hold for ICE
Albert P. Peterson, 43, back for court/court order
Willie J. McCullen, 39, grand larceny
Shawn R. Murphy, 33, leaving scene of motor vehicle accident involving injury/death - all other offenses
Kayla M. Garcia, 25, contempt of court violation of protective order or court approved consent agreement
April S. Conwell, 45, contempt of court violation of protective order or court approved consent agreement
Chad D. Fricke, 48, simple domestic violence simple assault; contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Engel D. Medrano, 21, hold for ICE
Duwayne C. Mitchell, 35, contempt failure to appear
Decedreio D. Lyons, 29, contempt of court failure to appear x 2, probation violation
Jennifer L. Penton, 24, contempt of court failure to appear, probation violation
Alicia Boesch, 58,

shoplifting
Gregory M. Fucich, Jr., 39, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Rebecca M. Crowe, 35, credit card fraudulent use with internet to obtain money, etc.
Kori R. Valentine, 40, simple domestic violence simple assault
Ronald E. Crump, 62, simple domestic violence simple assault
Shannon M. Starita, 49, contempt of court failure to appear
Bryan J. Foucha, 53, careless driving, DUI 2nd conviction, possession of marijuana (1-30 grams)
Rudolph B. Jackson, 40, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Ruth A. Dulworth, 34, contempt failure to appear
Christian L. Delcuze, 19, contempt of court failure to appear
Denzel M. Collins, 36, hold for other agency x 2
Amilcar Tomas-Aguilar, 28, hold for ICE
Josue Garcia-Medina, 36, hold for ICE
Paul A. Macuick, Jr., 38, contempt failure to comply
Marc S. Cutter, 48, contempt of court failure to comply
Zachary C. Brady, 28, drunkenness/profanity in public place
Patrick M. Zweifel, 35, simple domestic violence simple assault, contempt of court failure to appear
Kevin D. Carter, 40, shoplifting, contempt failure to pay
Ricky R. McGill, 62,

contempt of court failure to appear
Larry A. Bruffy, Jr., 47, contempt of court failure to appear
Anthony R. Cuevas, 52, contempt of court failure to appear
Christopher M. Brown, 28, contempt of court failure to appear; felony possession of controlled substance; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; probation violation
Sierra D. Ross, 27, probation violation
Trevor D. Lykins, 27, contempt of court failure to appear
Maranda A. Grissom, 27, felony possession of controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance x 3
Ray A. Daniels, 36, possession of paraphernalia
Warren J. Thomas, 39, felony possession of controlled substance x 2; possession of marijuana (1-30 grams) while operating a motor vehicle
Marcus K. Oubre, 38, DUI 1st offense
April M. Landry, 52, possession of paraphernalia
Walter A. Griffith, 55, DUI 1st offense
Glen S. Whitfield, 54, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Joshua L. Whitfield, 30, possession of paraphernalia
Jordan D. Thomas, 29, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Carolos R. Perdomo-Turcios, 19, hold for ICE
Daniel Florez-Rodri-

guez, 43, hold for ICE
Nicholas J. White, 31, burglary x 2
Terico Brooks, 21, felony possession of controlled substance x 2; hold for other agency
David S. Chester, 40, contempt failure to appear x 2
Kenneth L. Bradford, Sr., 62, contempt failure to appear x 4
Thomas J. Sourbrine, 50, DUI 1st offense
Molly S. Comfort, 18, DUI 1st offense; speeding; contempt of court failure to appear
Steven D. Parker, 49, contempt of court failure to appear; hold MDOC
Kevin L. Eshelman, 39, DUI 2nd conviction
Austin M. Dark, 25, DUI other substance; seat belt violation; no tag; vehicles to be driven on right half of roadway driving on wrong side; improper equipment; reckless driving; false identifying information; motor vehicle punishments for violations where no specific penalty provided
Amber J. Brignac, 35, DUI 1st offense
Rashaud D. Lee, 31, simple domestic violence simple assault
Demetrick R. Pittman, 26, disorderly conduct; resisting/obstructing arrest; possession of marijuana (1-30 grams); contempt of court failure to appear
Kayla B. Henley, 29, contempt of court failure to appear
Eric D. McCaleb, 54, probation violation; trespassing
Angela C. Cain, 45, contempt of court failure

to appear
William F. Foret, 28, possession of paraphernalia
Rachel M. Lott, 43, petit larceny
Dquan M. Smith, 21, simple domestic violence simple assault; disorderly conduct; resisting/obstructing arrest; malicious mischief;

drunkenness/profanity in public place; simple assault on policeman or fireman or school official; false identifying information
Seth K. Holt, 39, hold for other agency
Hunter C. Dorr, 21, drunkenness/profanity in public place

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world works. He is learning how to be a kind person; to respect others; and how to spread love and not hate. But, he is already doing a good job of spreading love and for that I am proud.

My nephew is definitely not the only person I've ever met who leaves a trail of love behind him.

Sometimes it's a kind gesture from a total stranger; an unexpected call from an old acquaintance; etc.

Human beings are quite complex filled with even more complex emotions: Hatred, love, empathy, compassion, etc.

Not a single one is perfect, though, and we have all done things that we are not proud of.

But, the point of those moments of shame is to learn and grow from them. They are teachable moments when one should put aside his or her pride to learn the lesson, whether they like it or not.

I think the best we can do is spread that kindness to everyone we meet. Will it always be accepted? Maybe not. Some people enjoy burrowing down in the misery of life.

But, you never know the impact a simple smile or a random act of kindness might have on someone.

I enjoy hearing about the positive encounters people have with each other.

We are all battling our own specific demons, but that doesn't

mean we have to take it out on others. I try and work on how I treat others all the time. I haven't reached any definitive peaks and I probably won't until the end of my life.

I believe we should always be evolving; learning new things about ourselves, each other, and the world, etc.

Let's all try to be like Mr. Rogers and leave positive impressions on those we meet. The world could definitely use him now and I'm glad we have his messages to refer back to.

"Real strength has to do with helping others." — Fred Rogers.

Cassandra is a staff writer at the Sea Coast Echo and can be reached at cassandra@seacoastecho.com.

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will take place. Usually by November, cottonmouths have totally disappeared from aquatic areas.

Cottonmouths are opportunistic feed-

ers. Dead or diseased fish make up most of their diet, but these snakes will also feed on small mammals, birds, insects, frogs, and other snakes.

According to Terry L. Vandeventer, a professional herpetologist, contrary to popular belief, cottonmouths are not aggressive, but

defensive. "In many instances cottonmouths will retreat at the approach of a human, but when an encounter cannot be avoided, it will defend its ground," stated Vandeventer. "When a snake is encountered the best thing to do is leave it alone. Take two steps backward and avoid the

snake."

James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit, conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their web site is www.wildlifemiss.org.

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"servant" of the people. Hamilton recognized that a judge's role is to make sure the federal government does not go beyond its limited powers. The Founders also understood that judges should be independent of both Congress and the President. For this reason, federal judges have lifetime tenure and can be removed only by impeachment.

Hamilton noted that judges exercise "neither force nor will, but merely judgment." Unfortunately, many

judges have misused their authority by making policy from the bench, rather than applying the law. This practice has undercut the democratic process and led to rulings that endanger our rights under the Constitution. I am dedicated to supporting judicial nominees who will protect our Constitution and apply the law in an evenhanded manner.

In a few months, President Trump will release his updated list of potential picks for the Supreme Court, just as he did four years ago. I applaud the President's transparency and look forward to reviewing these candidates. In the meantime, I will continue working to put conservatives on the federal bench who will protect our Constitution for generations to come.



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Obituaries

CHARLES CLIFT NORFOLK, SR.
MARY ELIZABETH "MAMA T." SAMS
JAMES "JIMMY" E. SHIELDS, SR.
DEBORAH ANN SINGLETARY

CHARLES CLIFT NORFOLK, SR.

Charles Clift Norfolk, Sr., age 83, of Meridian and formerly of Diamondhead, Mississippi, passed away on Sunday, June 21, 2020 at the Goodall Witcher Nursing Facility in Clifton. Memorial services are pending at this time. Family will announce the service details once they know more about the Covid-19 guidelines. Charles Clift Norfolk, Sr., was born on March 1, 1937 to Harold and Ruby Norfolk in Lawton, Oklahoma. He was a 1955 graduate of Marceline High School. After high school, he went to work for the Santa Fe Railroad until he entered the Army in 1958. Charles served at Ft. Bliss, Texas as a Hawk Electrical Mechanic until 1962, when he returned to the railroad.



In 1981, he married the love of his life, Merle Segari. They were happily married for 36 years. Charles worked at various refineries over the years as an Electrical Engineer. The most memorable job he had was as Supervisor of HESS Oil Refinery, one of the top 10 in the world, in St. Croix, USVI. While there, he enjoyed sailing on his boat, snorkeling and the Caribbean life. Charles loved fishing, sailing, snorkeling and the outdoors. The love he had for family and friends was unending. Charles was preceded

ed in death by his wife, Merle; father, Harold Lee Norfolk; mother, Ruby Francis Norfolk; brothers, Jerry Norfolk, Larry Lee Norfolk; and sister-in-law, Barbara Norfolk. Left to cherish his memories are his brother, Ronald Norfolk; sister, Donna Poppa and husband, Harold; children, Chuck Norfolk, Jr. and wife, Courtney, Steven Norfolk, Cindy Bailey and husband, Leigh, and his youngest son, Tim Norfolk and wife, Chante; 9 grandchildren, Kasey, Meagan, Leigh, Sora, Kevin, Perri, Trent, Piper, and Emilia; 2 step-grandchildren, Olivia and Jack; 7 great-grandchildren, Zackery, Ezra, Averie, Mike, Rylie, Addyson, and Josiah; many nieces, nephews, and too many friends to count. Arrangements were made by Lawson Funeral Home, Meridian, Texas

MARY ELIZABETH "MAMA T." SAMS

Funeral services were held on Sat. June 27, 2020 at 11 am., in First Baptist Church for Mary Elizabeth "Mama T." Sams age 73 of Pearlinton, MS., who died June 20, 2020 in Gulfport, MS. The Rev. Robert Preston will officiate at the service. Burial will be in the Lindsey Cemetery, in Logtown, MS. under the direction of Baylous Funeral Home. A native of Ala., she moved to Pearlinton, MS. in 1954, she was a homemaker. She was a member of First Baptist Church and a member of the Choir and was a Usher. Survivors include: 1 son Steven Eric (Debra) Sams of Lafayette, LA., 4 daughters, Faye (Marcus) Martin of Mobile, Al., Doris Holmes of Baton

Rouge, LA., Melissa Holmes Carmon of North Carolina, Brittany Sams of Waveland, MS., extended foster family the Giles, 15 grandchildren, 4 great grand-children. preceded in death by her parents, George and Mary Elizabeth Sams, 1 brother, George Sams Jr. Walk through viewing was held Sat. June 27, 2020 from 10 am., until 11 am., in First Baptist Church, Pearlinton, MS. Baylous Funeral Home in charge of the arrangement.



JAMES "JIMMY" E. SHIELDS, SR.

James "Jimmy" E. Shields, Sr., a native of Kosciusko, MS and life long resident of New Orleans, LA, entered peacefully into Heaven on Saturday, June 20, 2020. Jimmy was a zealous attorney, practicing law in Gretna, LA for nearly forty years. He is survived by his significant other, Paula W. Triche, of 30 years. Loving father of Pamela Broussard, James "Jamey" E. Shields, Jr. (Christine), and Lynn Shields Warren (Larry). Proud grandfather of six grandsons, Joshua "JT" Broussard, Christopher Broussard, Caleb Broussard (Macey), Timothy Broussard, James ("JES") E. Shields, III, Joseph "Luke" Shields (Alyson), and one treasured granddaughter, Lola Ann Warren. An honored great-grandfather of Trina, Sierra, Falynn, Baylie, and Olive. Son of the late Bernard D. Shields and Eula G. Shields, he is also survived by numerous loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Jimmy moved to New Orleans as a teen-



ager and attended Warren Easton High School where he was recognized for his outstanding athletic abilities. He was an All American basketball player at Warren Easton and was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 2016. After graduation, he attended McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA where he played basketball and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1996. He maintains the record for scoring the highest number of points in a game. In addition, the Louisiana Athletic Association gave him the designation of a Louisiana Living Legend of Basketball. Following college, he began his professional career as a coach, teacher, and principal in the New Orleans area high schools. He enrolled in the Loyola University School of Law and thus, began the practice of law. A committed practitioner, Jimmy con-

tinued to work until his death. Further, he was a generous, giving person and helped many people throughout his life. In 2014 he was honored by the North Shore Safe Harbor Association for his support and protection of abused women and children. Moreover, Jimmy was "bigger than life" and left a lasting impression on everyone he met. While his presence will be missed by his family and friends, they are at peace knowing that he is in heaven negotiating with God and watching over them in death as he did in life. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be made to the Humane Society of New Orleans in Stella's name, Safe Harbor North Shore Domestic Violence Program, and Warren Easton High School. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd. in New Orleans, on Friday, June 26, 2020 from 5:00PM until 8:00PM. The service and interment will be private. To view and sign the guest book, please visit www.lakelawnmetairie.com.

DEBORAH ANN SINGLETARY

On Tuesday, June 23, 2020, our precious Mother got to meet Jesus. Deborah Ann Singletary, 67, a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS, a member of First Baptist Church Bay St. Louis, was called Home to spend eternal life with our Heavenly Father. We are extremely heartbroken to lose her here on Earth so suddenly, but we know with confidence that we will see her again one day. Debbie was a devoted mother, a doting MiMi, a loving sister, aunt, mother-in-law, and a lifelong friend. She loved her family and friends with passion. Debbie was a pet fanatic (she always had pets – during her life, she had dogs, cats, birds, pig, goats, chickens, horses, even a spider monkey in her younger days). And she loved and spoke with joy of the children she helped care for at the Hancock County



Human Resource Agency on Highway 603. And they loved their Ms. Debbie, too. Debbie was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Catherine (Lou and Cat) Arceneaux. She is survived by her Daughter and Son-in-Law, Candi Arceneaux and Freddie McLain, Jr. of Waveland, MS., her Son and Daughter-in-Law, Jeremiah and Greta Singletary of Picayune, MS., her Sister and Brother-in-Law, Lynn and Wayne Fillingame of Bay St. Louis, MS., her Brother and Sister-in-Law, Louis and Cynthia Arceneaux of Diamondhead, MS., and her Brother, Matthew "Lukie" Arceneaux of Waveland, MS., her 2 Grandsons (the loves

of her life), Grayson Singletary and Colby McLain. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews and their families: Dana and Philippe Michel (Beau and Mathilde), Lana and Morgan Ghetty (Townes and Mae), Cody and Alexandria Arceneaux, Cori Arceneaux, and Katy and Chris Warren. A small service will be Wednesday, July 1, 2020, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS, for family and friends. Following will be the private placement of her urn in the mausoleum at Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery in Bay St. Louis, MS, for her immediate family. *Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.* Debbie will forever be loved and missed by her family and friends who are blessed to have known her. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Clermont Harbor Fourth of July Parade

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The Annual Clermont Harbor 4th of July Parade is scheduled for Saturday July 4th at 1 p.m. The parade will begin and end at Harold & Lillians Bar on Forrest St. Midway along the route there will be a music stop featuring a band on Bordage St. There will be kids activities along with cornhole before the parade outside of the bar. Anyone wishing to enter their golf cart, classic car, or bicycles are welcome. Come out and enjoy the parade while still social distancing. Any questions contact Craig Clement at Clemnola@gmail.com.



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Devotional Page

WHAT WILL ANXIETY OR WORRY EVER ACCOMPLISH FOR US?

By GARY ANDREWS

Why is it that we are fearful about many things that leads us to worry and have anxiety? People will tell you they do not fear anything, nor do they worry about anything, however I find that hard to believe. Over my years I have met many people and I don't know if I have ever met anyone that was so stable that nothing ever bothered them. I have met people in high positions of government and business and most of them would tell me about situations that bothered them. I have known many well-versed Christians, some non-Christians, and even some atheist. None of them would ever tell me that all is well and everything was lovely and peaceful in their lives. I will tell you that the most contented people I have ever met were Christians and walked the walk as well as talked the talk. Their relationship with God was unbelievable and their outlook on life was positive, even though it wasn't uneventful. Everyone faces trials and tribulations and most everyone has some skeletons in their closet. My mother-in-law was one of the most God fearing ladies I ever knew. She read her Bi-

ble, attended church as long as possible, loved her family, a great wife to her husband, visited her neighbors and friends, and was one of the most charming people you would ever want to meet. She was all this but she was also a worrier. I remember a time when a cat was run over and killed on the road in front of her home and she worried if it died hungry. I remember when her son told her he crossed railroad tracks going to teach school, she would call him every morning to tell him to watch for trains. She took worrying to the highest level and at one time it caused her to go into depression. When this happened it created a time of worry about her and also a void in the family unit. It was a tough time for all of the family. With the proper help and counseling she came out of her depression and once again retained her role as a great spiritual leader. Even the strongest people have their time of despair and doubt. No one is above this and if we are not rooted in the strength of God's love, it is almost impossible to overcome. My favorite verse in the Bible is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens

me." I say this verse over and over again and rely on it when I am going through a trial, frustration, or any type circumstance. Worrying can be worse on a person than suffering through a sickness. In my opinion, worrying is a sickness but has to be overcome by trusting in the Lord and depending on Him to get you through anything and everything. Since worrying should not be a part of a believer's life, how does one overcome worry? In 1 Peter 5:7, we are instructed to "cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." God does not want us to carry around the weight of problems and burdens. In this verse, God is telling us to give Him all of our worries and concerns. Why does God want to take on our problems? The Bible says it is because He cares for us. God is concerned about everything that happens to us. No worry is too big or too small for His attention. When we give God our problems, we are told in the book of Philippians He promises to give us the peace which transcends all understanding.

SUGGESTED DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY –
Philippians 4:6-7

MONDAY –
Psalm 55:22-23

TUESDAY –
1 Peter 5:6-7

WEDNESDAY –
Proverbs 12:25

THURSDAY –
Luke 12:22-26

FRIDAY –
Isiah 43:1-3

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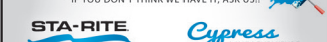
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned John T. Rouse, Substitute Trustee in said

Deed of Trust, will on the 2nd day of July, 2020, offer for sale, either in whole or in parcels, and sell at public auction and outcry within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), on the Front Steps of the Hancock County Courthouse, at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lots 3 and 4, Square 730, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit No. 11, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.
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/s/John T. Rouse
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I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Trustee, without warranty of title. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this, the 8th day of June, 2020.

/s/ J. Patrick Caldwell, Trustee
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
Hancock County Board of Supervisors has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The applicant is proposing renourishment of the sand beach by nearshore retrieval of sand. The project is located on North & South Beach Boulevard, Waveland & Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, MS. No re-nourishment is proposed between:
• 30.251935°N, -89.420995°W (Pointsett Ave) and 30.265648°N, -89.388373°W (Dane Rd)
• 30.303158°N, -89.329669°W (Washington St) and 30.305638°N, -89.328339°W (Booker St.)

Near shore sand retrieval will occur in sections no larger than 2,000 feet long by 500 feet wide, located a minimum 250 feet from the existing seawall. The beach will have a design width of approximately 200 feet from the existing seawall, plus an intertidal zone of 50 feet. Sand will be removed in lifts of six inches or less with the total excavation depth not to exceed one foot. The annual proposed amount of retrieved sand is 100,000 cubic yards.

Project diagrams, and a copy of the full project application may be accessed at <https://dnr.ms.gov/permitting/>. A copy can also be mailed upon request.

In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section

306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

The applicant will be required to request and justify a variance to MDMR's Requirements for Regulated Activities, specifically to Miss. Admin. Code Title 22, Part 23, Chapter 8, Section 114.01 which states, "Permanent filling of coastal wetlands below the mean high tide line because of potential adverse and cumulative environmental impacts is not authorized" as well as the corresponding Requirement in the Mississippi Coastal Program.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources by mail to 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530; by fax to 228-374-5008; or by email to adam.terrell@dnr.ms.gov before 1:00 p.m. on the day July 7, 2020.

June 17, 2020, June 24, 2020, July 1, 2020

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RALPH EDWARD HANSON, JR., DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1-20-cv-00242-CB
CLARE HANSON, PETITIONER
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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COUNTY OF HANCOCK
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 15th day of June, 2020, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Ralph Edward Hanson, JR., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
THIS 24th day of June, 2020.
s/ CLARE HANSON
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN RE THE HEIRS-AT-LAW OF: BARBARA J. NECAISE, DECEASED
CAUSE NO.: 23CH1-20-cv-296-CB
RONNIE J. NECAISE, PETITIONER
SUMMONS

TO: the known and unknown Heirs-at-Law of BARBARA J. NECAISE, Deceased; You have been made parties respondent in the above cause, filed in the Court by Ronnie J. Necaise, seeking to establish the heirs-at-law of said Barbara J. Necaise, deceased. You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed herein at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 27th day of July, 2020, in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of Court, this 17th day of June, 2020.
TIM KELLAR, Chancery Clerk
Hancock County Mississippi
Post Office Box 429
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521
By: /s/ Bridgett Ladner
DEPUTY CLERK
PUBLISH: 06/24/20, 07/01/20, 07/08/20

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
DENNIS JAMES BENNETT
PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
CAUSE NO. 23CH1-20-cv-304-JS
WUSCHI, LLC, JOEL SMITH, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, and ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES ON AUGUST 25, 2014 AS DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT
DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE LAND SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 25, 2014, HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Lot 18, Cypress Point, Phase 2, according to the official plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Also identified as Hancock County Tax Assessor Parcel No. 041V-1-12-001.000.

You have been made a Defendant in the Petition filed in this Court by Dennis James Bennett, the Petitioner, seeking to CONFIRM TAX TITLE. Defendants other than you are WUSCHI, LLC, The State of Mississippi, Joel Smith, District Attorney and Hancock County.

You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Complaint to the Attorney for the Plaintiff, James L. Gray, 503 West Canal Street, Post Office Box 1682, Picaune, Mississippi 39466. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 24th DAY OF JUNE, 2020, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on this the 18th day of June, 2020.
Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Tammy Meyer, Deputy Clerk
06/24/20, 07/01/20, 07/08/20

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
DIAMONDHEAD, MS
Ms. Tammy Simms Fields has filed an application requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance (Article 4.6.5E iii) to allow an existing carport recently constructed within 3'11" of the rear property line. The edge of the roof is 32" from the rear property line. The case file number is 202000223.

The property address is 8912 Anahola Court. The tax parcel number is 0673-3-36-143.000. The legal description is Diamondhead Subdivision Phase #2, Unit 7A, Block 1, Lot 75. The property is located in a R-2 zoning district. The minimum rear yard setback is 20 feet. In accordance with the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Article 2.6.4, the Planning Commission may recommend to the Mayor and City Council a variance be granted as the variance was applied for or in a modified form or subject to conditions or the application may be denied. A variance may be revocable, may be granted for a limited time period, or may be granted subject to conditions as the Planning Commission or Mayor and City Council may prescribe. The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, JULY 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Interested members of the public are invited to attend.

If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact the Building Department at the above address and/or at 228-222-4626.
06/24/20, 07/01/20

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Invitation To Submit a Request for Bid
The Diamondhead Property Owners Association is interested in obtaining a LESSEE who can offer aircraft/airport services at the Diamondhead Airport. Interested parties may find the Request for Bid at <https://diamondheads.org/diamondhead-han-gar-bid-request/>. Bids should be returned by July 7, 2020.
06/24/20, 07/01/20

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
DIAMONDHEAD, MS
Ms. Anne Marie Petrovich Bonnette has filed an application requesting a variance from the Zoning Ordinance (Article 9.8 L iii) to construct black metal fence on the rear property line as well as on the side property lines within the 10' setback area. The property address is 57143 Diamondhead Drive East. The tax parcel number is 131C-1-13-117.001. The legal description is Diamondhead Subdivision Phase #1, Block 8, Lot 24. The property is located in a R-2 zoning district. The fence is required to be set back 10' from the rear property line due to being located on the golf course. In accordance with the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Article 2.6.4, the Planning Commission may recommend to the Mayor and City Council a variance be granted as the variance was applied for or in a modified form or subject to conditions or the application may be denied. A variance may be revocable, may be granted for a limited time period, or may be granted subject to conditions as the Planning Commission or Mayor and City Council may prescribe. The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this application at its next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, JULY 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will be held at Diamondhead City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5000 Diamondhead Circle in Diamondhead, MS 39525. Interested members of the public are invited to attend. If you have any questions or comments or would like to review the application, you may contact the Building Department at the above address and/or at 228-222-4626.
06/24/20, 07/01/20

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MERLE ZEMMER RODRIGUE, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 23CH1-20-cv-184 (MA)
JEANNELLE M. DUPRE
PETITIONER
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Merle Zemmer Rodrigue, Deceased, whose names, places of residence, post office and street addresses are unknown to Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry
You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Jeannelle M. Dupre, Executrix of the Estate of Merle Zemmer Rodrigue, Deceased, seeking to have the heirs-at-law of Merle Zemmer Rodrigue adjudicated by the Court.
You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 in the Chancery Courtroom of the Honorable Margaret Alfonso located at 730 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment or order will be entered against you for the things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 23rd day of June, 2020.
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Court Clerk
By: Tammy Meyer, D.C.
Issued at the request of:
MICHELLE LUBER ELLIOTT (MSB #104854)
Brady Law Firm, PLLC
600 E. Railroad Street, Suite A
Long Beach, Mississippi 39560
P: (228) 575-4474 / F: (228) 575-4472
07/01/20, 07/08/20, 07/15/20

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GAYLE BRANIFF DUPRE, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 20-183 (JS)
JEANNELLE M. DUPRE
PETITIONER
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: The Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Gayle Braniff Dupre, Deceased, whose names, places of residence, post office and street addresses are unknown to Petitioner after diligent search and inquiry
You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by Jeannelle M. Dupre, Administratrix of the Estate of Gayle Braniff Dupre, Deceased, seeking to have the heirs-at-law of Gayle Braniff Dupre adjudicated by the Court.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition to Determine Heirs at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2020 in the Chancery Courtroom of the Honorable Jennifer Schloegel located at 730 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment or order will be entered against you for the things demanded in the Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 23rd day of June, 2020.
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Court Clerk
By: Tammy Meyer, D.C.
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07/01/20, 07/08/20, 07/15/20

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
ESTATE OF KATHLEEN ANNA NORVELL, DECEASED
BY CURTIS J. NORVELL, EXECUTOR AND MOVANT
NO. 18-132-CB
RULE 81 SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING
TO: Tracie Catherine Trippodo
Address Unknown
NOTICE OF HEARING
TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be held in the Chancery Courtroom for Judge Carter Bise at the Harrison County Courthouse located at 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501, at 9:00 a.m., September 1, 2020, before the Honorable Carter Bise, Chancellor. You are summoned to appear and defend against said Motion, if any you can, why the relief sought in the Motion for Authority to Distribute Estate Assets, to Close Estate and to Discharge Executor, should not be granted by the Court. Failure to appear and defend at the time and place mentioned may result in an order against you for the money, relief or other things demanded in the Motion. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 22nd day of June, 2020.
TIMOTHY KELLAR,

CHANCERY CLERK (SEAL)
By: Bridgett Ladner, D.C.
Submitted by Attorney for Movant: Frederick T. Hoff, Jr., (MBN 2495)
Wise Carter Child & Caraway, PA
2510 14th Street, Suite 1125
Gulfport, Mississippi 39501
Tel.: 228-867-7141
Fax: 228-867-7142
Email: rh@wisecarter.com
07/01/20, 07/08/20, 07/15/20

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS ELLSWORTH COLBERT, DECEASED
NO. 20-123
DAWN DAVIS
ADMINISTRATRIX
SUMMONS
(Service by Publication: Residence Unknown)

TO: Unknown heirs at law of Thomas Ellsworth Colbert, Deceased, whose residence is unknown.

You have been made a Defendant in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Dawn Davis, Administratrix.

The Complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging and seeking to establish the unknown heirs at law of Thomas Ellsworth Colbert.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at 9:00 o'clock A. M. on the 27th day of July, 2020, in the courtroom of the Harrison County Courthouse at Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment by default will be entered against you for the money or other relief demanded in the complaint.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under hand and the seal of said Court, this 22nd day of June, 2020.

TIM KELLAR, Chancery Clerk
By: Ashley Holland, DC
07/01/20, 07/08/20, 07/15/20

Request for Qualifications
Professional Engineering/Monitoring Services for Permanent (Non-Emergent) Hancock County Tropical Storm Cristobal. This RFQ solicits Engineering Qualifications for Three (3) Projects. HANCOCK COUNTY is requesting proposals from qualified firms and individuals for engineering services for the following Three projects: (1) Sand reclamation, including sand dunes, silt fencing and vegetation, including related items; (2) Cleaning and stabilizing outfalls; and (3) repair/replacement of the Washington Street outfall. All of these matters relate to destruction or damage from Tropical Storm Cristobal in Hancock County. The project may be funded at least partially through federal disaster funds. Hancock County reserves the right to combine these projects and score all proposals as a single item. Engineering entities who present a proposal are presumed to be submitting their proposal for all three projects, unless the entity expressly states otherwise on the exterior of its submission. Hancock County is requesting proposals for the provision of design, project scope establishment, bidding, construction oversight and project management and closeout of those three projects, as well as completing all matters incidental thereto. Proposers shall be willing, ready and able to promptly provide the services on timelines established by the County. Hancock County will only contract with a responsible entity possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of this procurement, as determined by the Supervisors and/or its selection committee. The County's selection committee will consider technical issues as relates to the proposals received and the grant requirements and may obtain assistance with this review in its discretion. Responding firms or individuals should submit a statement of their qualification and experience, as well as that of all of their pertinent personnel. Proposals will be evaluated by a selection team on the basis of the following criteria and ranked by an assigned point system, being 20 points maximum per category: 1) Knowledge and experience providing services related to federal grant projects and compliance with public policy; 2) Technical competence of staff and principals (qualifications), record of past performance and ability to perform services required; 3) Personnel resources and assessment ability, and entity/individual financial and technical resources; 4) contractor integrity; and 5) knowledge of and familiarity of projects such as those needed for this project. Firms will be evaluated and ranked using the above criteria. Hancock County reserves the right to negotiate compensation and terms for each of those services with the selected firm as being most qualified, with the amount of any and all costs being capped and with the County also utilizing relevant federal cost principles. Hancock County reserves the right to also separate the projects, score them separately and follow this same negotiation protocol on separate bases. In the instance negotiations with the highest-ranking qualified firm fail, Hancock County may negotiate with the second highest scoring responsive firm, and so forth. Hancock County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities or formalities in the proposal process, and to reject any and all proposals. By submitting a proposal, the proposing entities or persons waive any right to seek damages related to their proposal and acknowledge the County's right to reject any or all proposal, or portions thereof. Hancock County further reserves the right to engage entities or firms for only some of the services listed above. All proposals should be sealed and properly labeled "Permanent Engineering Proposal - TS Cristobal." In the instance the proposing entity is only seeking consideration for less than the three projects, the proposal should expressly state this limitation on the exterior of its submission. The County is an equal opportunity employer and contractor, and specifically solicits with this proposal small and minority firms, women's business enterprises and labor surplus area firms to submit proposals. The County will further take additional further steps to assure that such minority businesses, women's business enterprises and labor surplus area firms are used when possible, including its right to utilize any of the methods outlined in 2 CFR Section 200.321. Any contract resulting from this request for proposals will contain contract provisions including those listed in Title 2 CFR Sections 200.318-316, or otherwise required by the federal funding guidelines. Proposers shall agree to be bound by those terms and to ensure grant and work compliance with the same. Proposals shall be addressed and delivered to Eddie Favre, County Administrator, no later than 10:00 a.m. on July 20, 2020. Proposals may be mailed or hand-delivered to: Attention: Office of the County Administrator, 854-A Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520. Proposals may also be emailed to eddie.favre@hancock.ms.us. Any emailed, mailed or hand-delivered proposal must actually be received by the County Administrator prior to the 10:00 a.m., July 20, 2020 deadline. The name and mailing address of the firm or individual submitting the proposal should appear on the face of the envelope. Please submit any questions you have concerning this matter via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to Eddie Favre at

BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAVELAND ON MONDAY, THE 20th OF JULY, 2020 6:00 P.M. AT WAVELAND CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 301 COLEMAN AVENUE, WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI, TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

THIS IS ALSO NOTIFICATION THAT THE PLANING AND ZONING COMMISSION IS A RECOMMENDING COMMISSION ONLY. THE WAVELAND BOARD OF ALDERMAN WILL CONSIDER FINAL APPROVAL OF THE REQUESTED APPLI-CATIONS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2020 AT 6:30 PM AT WAVELAND CITY HALL LOCATED AT 301 COLEMAN AVENUE. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

Brent and Christie Morreale, owners of the property commonly known as 732 Faith Street, Parcel #137M-2-35-068.000; Legal Description: Lots 15 – 20, Block 92, BSL Land & Improvement Subdivision; are requesting the following variances to allow for a lot split: For proposed Parcel “1” – A) A variance from the Lot Width requirement of One-Hundred (100) Feet as required by the current Zoning Ordinance, Section 701.2. The variance request is to allow a lot width of Seventy-Five (75) feet, requiring a variance of Twenty-Five (25) feet. B) A variance from the Lot Area requirement of Twelve-Thousand (12,000) square feet as required from the current Zoning Ordinance 701.1. The variance request is to allow a lot area of 10,016 square feet. C) A variance from the left from the Side Yard (facing from the street) requirement of Fifteen (15) feet as required by the current Zoning Ordinance, Section 701.4. The request is to allow a 2’ variance resulting in a 13’ side yard. For proposed Parcel “2” – A) A variance from the Lot Width requirement of One-Hundred (100) Feet as required by the current Zoning Ordinance, Section 701.2. The variance request is to allow a lot width of Seventy-Five (75) feet, requiring a variance of Twenty-Five (25) feet. B) A variance from the Lot Area requirement of Twelve-Thousand (12,000) square feet as required from the current Zoning Ordinance 701.1. The variance request is to allow a lot area of eight-thousand six-hundred and twenty-two (8,622) of square footage. This requires a variance of three-thousand three-hundred and seventy-eight (3,378) square feet. B) For proposed Parcel “B” a variance from the Lot Area requirement of Twelve-Thousand (12,000) square feet as required from the current Zoning Ordinance 701.1. The variance request is to allow a lot area of eight-thousand six-hundred and nineteen (8,620) square feet. This requires a variance of three-thousand three-hundred and eighty (3,380) square feet. C) For proposed Parcel “C” a variance from the Lot Area requirement of Twelve-Thousand (12,000) square feet as required from the current Zoning Ordinance 701.1. Parcel “C” The variance request is to allow a lot area of eight-thousand six-hundred and twenty (8,619) square footage. This requires a variance of three-thousand three-hundred and eighty (3,381) square feet. INTERESTED PARTIES MAY AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. For additional information, phone (228) 466-2549, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Publish July 1st, 2020. David Draz – Zoning Official 07/01/20

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
GLORIA MARLENY ALONZO GOMEZ, PLAINTIFF
V.
CAUSE NO. 19-393 (JP)
UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER
DEFENDANT
RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: Unknown Putative Father
Whereabouts unknown
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Gloria Marleny Alonzo Gomez, Plaintiff, seeking custody of your son, M.G.A.G., a male child born on October 16, 2000.
YOU ARE SUMMONED to appear and defend against said Complaint at 9:00 AM on the 14th day of September 2020, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court of Harrison County, at the Courthouse located at 1801 23rd Ave Gulfport, Mississippi 39502 and in case of your failing to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or things demanded in the Complaint or Petition.
You are not required to file an answer or other pleadings, but you may do so if you so desire.
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, on this the 18th day of June 2020.
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR., CLERK,
HANCOCK COUNTY
CHANCERY COURT, BAY ST LOUIS, MS (SEALED)
BY: /s/ Cassie Tribble, D.C.
07/01/20, 07/08/20, 07/15/20

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP AND OF THE EMERGENCY GUARDIANSHIP OF A.F.B., A MINOR BY PETITIONERS KACEY WHITNEY AND KEVIN WHITNEY
CAUSE NO. 23CHI-20-CV-256-JP
RULE 81 – SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A.F.B., a Minor, wherever he may be found, whose present street and post office addresses are unknown, you have been made a Defendant in the Petition for Appointment of Guardians of a Minor, A.F.B., filed in this Court.
You are summoned to appear and defend against the Complaint or Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 30th Day of July, 2020, in the Chancery courtroom of the Chancery Courthouse located at 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the things demanded in the Complaint or Petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire to Todd N. Thriffley, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose post office address is P.O. Box 3295, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521 and whose telephone number is 228-467-2400. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.
ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 25 Day of June, 2020.
(SEAL)
Timothy Kellar, Clerk
Hancock County Chancery Court
BY: /s/Bridgette Ladner
Deputy Clerk
07/01/20, 07/08/20, 07/15/20

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY AGNES POWER QUINN, DECEASED
CAUSE NO: 23CHI-20-cv-00126-MA
CONNIE C. LAZARO, PETITIONER
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 28th day of May, 2020, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Mary Agnes Power Quinn, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
THIS 24th day of June, 2020.
s/ CONNIE C. LAZARO
Return to:
The Casano Law Firm, P.A.
4403 West Aloha Drive
Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525
Tel: 228-255-0035
Fax: 228-255-0078
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NOTICE
OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

CORVETTES, LLC
20596 HIGHWAY 43 SOUTH
PICAYUNE, MS 39466
228-332-7777
Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

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7/30/2020 - TIME: 9:00 AM
Location of Sale: 20596 Hwy. 43, Picayune,
MS 39466

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NOTICE
OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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below will be auctioned
06/27/20 at 10:00 a.m. at the
location below:

BAYOU MOTORS
463 hwy 90
waveland ms 39576
(228) 467-9144

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VIN# KMHCT4AE3GU073173

6/17, 6/24, 7/01/2020

NOTICE
OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

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below will be sold starting
07/17/20 at 9:00 a.m. at the
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Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228)-467-5227

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VIN# 4V4NC9EH1CN537374

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VIN# 1G2ZG58N174265839

2010 CHEVROLET MALIBU
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1998 DODGE RAM 3500
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6/17, 6/24, 7/01/2020

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Obituaries

JOYCE COLSON HICKS, “MAW MAW RED”
JOAN DESFORGES WILKINSON

Victor Colson Jr., Curtis Colson, and June Colson; four nephews, a grand-niece; her sisters-in-law, Gerry Falcon (Peter), and Bonnie.

Mrs. Hicks is survived by her children, Cheyenne Coates (Daniel), her caregivers, Cheryl Duke (James), Kerry Hicks (Beverly), her grandchildren, Kelly Duke Mears, Jonathan Duke (Alex Stishanok), Aaron Coates, and Amy Faulkenberry; her great-grandchildren, Lexi Mears, Declan Mears, Jack Faulkenberry, and Wesley Faulkenberry; her sister, Gail McConnon (John); her brother, Wayne Colson; her special nieces, Colleen Howley



JOAN DESFORGES WILKINSON

Joan Desforges Wilkinson, 94, of Waveland, MS passed away Thursday, June 25, 2020 in Diamondhead, MS. Joan was born December 27, 1925 and raised in New Orleans, La. to Hilda and Harold Desforges. Along with 2 cherished sisters Mildred (Bebe) Landwehr and Dorothy Klarr. She was always a bright, attention grabbing child. Joan was fun loving and had a people pleasing nature which prevailed throughout her life. She had many friends of all walks of life as well. Most everyone was drawn to her. She worked as an account

tant for most of her life, the longest at “Fleet Tire Service” and even owned a bar in her younger days called “Joan’s Interlude” in the French Quarter in New Orleans. Her first husband Francis William Johnston (Johnny) was stationed in N.O. with USCG when they met and married. Together they have 5 children. Johnny is deceased she



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is survived by, William Harold (Bill) of N.O., Robert Joseph (Bob) of Bay St. Louis, Thomas Steven (Tom), of Hernando, FL., Timothy Michael (Tim) of Kiln, MS, and finally a girl Cheri Ann, of Studio City, CA. Joan is also survived by 11 Grandchildren and 8 Great-Grandchildren. She met her second husband, Kenneth Wilkinson through her work at Fleet Tire Service. They married and lived most of their years together in Waveland. Kenneth passed away Jan. 25, 2012. They traveled around the country in their motor-home, taking their dog children with them. Joan loved being part of Waveland’s community. She had her

women’s card group. She was a member of the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 4008, SCOWI, Krewe of Nereids, and Treasurer of Hancock County Senior Citizen Center. She also worked at The Princess Shop in Bay St. Louis during her earlier years. She was a loving Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, friend, sister, aunt, and a damn good cook! We will all miss “Sweet” deeply. Visitation will be held Friday, July 3, 2020 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with a Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the arrange-

St Clare to serve Christ by serving the poor and to see the face of Christ in those we serve. We do many things such as, home visits, work in our food pantry, provide utility assistance--but our personal relationship with God is our foundation. We give hope through our faith. We do the work that is asked of us--with a smile and positive attitude, all of our works are done confidential.

With COVID-19, a lot of things have changed for us and for our children. These children are at home now, some parents don’t have jobs, some do and the children are at home with or without a meal. We at SVDP-St Clare have come up with a little something that may help those in need and to help families in our community spend some time together.

On Saturday July 11th, we will be having a SVDP-ST Clare Kids Lunch Meal. It is called, “Let’s Be Frank--HOT DIGGITY DOG BAG LUNCH.” The time is 11am to 1pm. The meal will include, in a brown paper bag: Hot dog with

chili, fruit juice, bag of chips and a dessert. Now how good is that!

So, come to St Clare Catholic Church and to get the bag lunch for your kids to take to that picnic that you have been planning! Nothing brings people together like food. Our meals are “made with love, hot and fresh, and will satisfy your hunger,” so come and taste the good stuff. Bag lunches will be distributed as a drive-thru under the Church and it’s for anyone in the community who is in need, but the ones receiving the bag lunch needs to be in the car at the time of the pick-up.

SVDP-St Clare Conference Brown Bag Ministry wants to make a difference in the lives of those in our community. We are inspired by the kindness and generosity of our parish! Please help spread the word, to lighten the sting of poverty and to help feed those in need. This brings to mind the passage from St. Matthew: “For when I was hungry, you gave me something to eat.”



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Bay man sentenced in child exploitation case

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A Bay St. Louis man will have to serve at least five years in prison this week in a 2018 child pornography case.

“Colby Isaiah Johnson, 23, entered an open plea to one count of Child Exploitation related to the transmission and possession of child pornography uncovered during Operation Trick or Treat in October 2018,” Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch said in a press re-



Colby Johnson

lease Friday. “He was sentenced to 15 years, with 10 years suspended and five to serve, by Hancock County Circuit Court Judge Christopher L. Schmidt.”

Fitch said the Attorney General’s Cyber Crime Division represented the state in the case, as well as another in Rankin County.

Operation Trick or Treat was a state-wide sting conducted in 2018 by then-Attorney General Jim Hood’s Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force that netted several suspects throughout Mississippi. The Hancock County Sheriff’s Office and Bay St. Louis and Waveland police departments assisted the task force during the operation.

Calgon carbon expands Pearlington plant

ECHO STAFF

Calgon Carbon Corporation on Thursday announced that it intends to expand capacity at its Pearlington, Mississippi plant by adding a second virgin activated carbon production line.

The expansion is expected to add 38 jobs at the plant when complete, according to a company press release issued Thursday.

“The estimated investment in the additional production line will be \$185 million,” according to the release. “When completed, Calgon Carbon’s virgin granular activated carbon capacity will exceed 200 million pounds per year.

“Calgon Carbon has been in con-

versation with the Mississippi Development Authority and the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission regarding this exciting project for several months. A final board decision on the plant expansion was granted on June 24 by Kuraray Co., Ltd. (TYO: 3405) (Kuraray), who completed its acquisition of Calgon Carbon in March 2018.”

“This expansion enables our activated carbon products to be more broadly used to clean the world’s air and water on an even larger scale,” said Steve Schott, Calgon Carbon’s President and CEO. “There is no better place for this expansion, we have always felt at home

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Notice is further given that the City of Waveland will at www.centralbidding.com , At 10:00 A.M. Central time and ending at approximately 10:30 A.M. unless extended by Anti-Bid Sniping, on July 30, 2020, accept electronic bids through a reverse auction for ONE (1) OR MORE THAN FOUR (4) NEW, UNUSED 2020 CHEVROLET TAHOE POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLE for the City of Waveland Police Department, according to specifications on file with the Purchasing Clerk of the City of Waveland and online at www.centralbidding.com. Bidders may download official documents from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com, and Reverse Auction bids can be submitted through Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Any questions regarding the Reverse Auction process should be directed to Central Bidding at 1-225-810-4814.

The City of Waveland reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to select the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City of Waveland.

In acquiring said Police package Tahoe (s), the City of Waveland expressly reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part of any or all bids based on lowest and best bid determination in the best interest of the City. The City of Waveland may consider the following factors in determining the award: services, previous performance and experience of the bidder, transportation cost, cost of operation, quality, maintenance and warranty. The vehicles will need to be delivered no later than 30 days from issuance of Purchase Order.

2019 Drinking Water Quality Report City of Waveland PWS 0230002

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

Our water source is from wells drawing from the Graham Ferry Formation Aquifer.

Source water assessment and its availability

The source water assessment ranks our water supply as moderate for susceptibility to contamination. This report is available in the office.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

If you have any questions concerning your drinking water, please contact Mickey Lagasse at 228-467-4134

Description of Water Treatment Process

Your water is treated by disinfection. Disinfection involves the addition of chlorine or other disinfectant to kill dangerous bacteria and microorganisms that may be in the water. Disinfection is considered to be one of the major public health advances of the 20th century.

Monitoring and reporting of compliance data violations

VIOLATION: FAILURE TO SEND CONFIRMATION OF CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT DISTRIBUTION TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BY JULY 1ST 2019.
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Results of voluntary monitoring

To comply with the “Regulation Governing Fluoridation of Community Water Supplies”, MS0230002 is required to report certain results pertaining to fluoridation of our water system. The number of months in the previous calendar year in which average fluoride sample results were within the optimal range of 0.6-1.2 ppm was 4. The percentage of fluoride samples collected in the previous calendar year that was within the optimal range of 0.6-1.2 ppm was 46%.

Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Waveland is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect In Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source						
				Low	High									
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products														
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)														
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	1	.5	1.4	2019	No	Water additive used to control microbes						
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	9	NA	NA	2019	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination						
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	8.32	NA	NA	2019	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection						
Inorganic Contaminants														
Barium (ppm)	2	2	.0157	NA	NA	2018	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits						
Chromium (ppb)	100	100	4.4	NA	NA	2018	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits						
Contaminants		MCLG	AL	Your Water	Sample Date	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL	Typical Source						
Inorganic Contaminants														
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	.2	2016	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits							
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	2	2016	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits							

Additional Contaminants

In an effort to insure the safest water possible the State has required us to monitor some contaminants not required by Federal regulations. Of those contaminants only the ones listed below were found in your water.

Contaminants	State MCL	Your Water	Violation	Explanation and Comment
SODIUM	250000 PPB	160000 PPB	No	LIKELY SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION: erosion of natural deposits

Unit Descriptions	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: Not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required, but recommended.

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances and Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

For more information please contact:

Contact Name: Mickey Lagasse
Address: 301 Coleman Ave.
Waveland, MS 39576
Phone: 228-467-4134

Avoid Firework Injury this Independence Day

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The State Fire Marshal’s Office encourages firework safety this Independence Day.

“There may be more personal use of fireworks at homes and in neighborhoods than usual, as many public fireworks displays are cancelled because of the coronavirus,” said State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney. “I hope that Mississippians will use caution if they handle fireworks and follow the safety tips laid out below.”

On average, 180 people go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday, according to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The risk of fireworks injury is highest for young people ages 0-4, followed by children 10-14. Sparklers, often a favorite with children, can reach up to 1200 ° Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.

For those choosing to use fireworks, the Mississippi State Fire Marshal suggests you follow these safety tips:

- Observe local laws.
- o Those wishing to purchase and

use fireworks should first check with their fire protection officials to make sure that local laws are being followed.

- o Some municipalities prohibit fireworks from being used within city limits.

- Use common sense: always read and follow the directions on each firework.

- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

- Buy from reliable fireworks sellers. Store them in a cool, dry place.

- Always have an adult present when shooting fireworks.

- Put used fireworks in a bucket of water and have a hose ready.

- Only use fireworks outdoors, away from homes, dry grass, and trees.

- Light only one item at a time and keep a safe distance.

- Never experiment or attempt to make your own fireworks.

- Never re-ignite malfunctioning fireworks.

- Never give fireworks to small children.

- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.

- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.

MHP Fourth of July Enforcement Period



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The Mississippi Highway Patrol will begin the 2020 Fourth of July Holiday Enforcement Period on Friday, July 3, at 12:01 a.m. and conclude Sunday, July 5, at midnight. All available troopers will be assigned to saturation patrols and checkpoints to promote traffic

safety. In conjunction with the holiday period, MHP will be conducting the traffic safety initiative “Drive Right Mississippi” which will run through the month of July.

The initiative will focus on the left hand lane law, distracted and impaired driving, speeding, and seatbelt usage. During the Fourth of

July holiday period in 2019, MHP investigated 63 crashes with 1 fatality and made 43 DUI arrests on state and federal highway systems. Due to the increase of summer traffic we are asking motorists to have a “Drive Right” mentality while traveling and to join with us in making roadways safer in Mississippi.

Krewe of Diamondhead hosts annual membership meeting

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The Krewe of Diamondhead held their annual membership meeting on Sunday, June 28th at The Lazy Gator Sports Bar and Steamer in Diamondhead, MS.

The members enjoyed the chance to visit and discuss changes and updates to the Krewe, along with recognizing those members who helped out throughout the season.

New Bylaws changes and ballots were mailed to the members, prior to the meeting. Some members mailed ballots in early, while others chose to vote the day of the event. The members voted to adopt the Bylaws changes, which will go into effect immediately.

One notable change

in the Bylaws was that of creation of the Membership Director. As the Krewe has grown in membership over the last few years, it was recognized that this new director would be a much needed position. The Membership Director will serve as a liaison from the membership to the board of directors with the role of encouraging member satisfaction, retention and participation.

The members also elected a new Board of Directors, which will serve a two-year term. Those elected were Hoppy Smith, President; Sandy Hatem, Vice President; Jamie Morgan, Secretary; Dick Brown, Treasurer; David Sykes, Captain; Steph Hardesty, Membership Director;

Sarah Schafer, Social Director; Renee Kirschenbaum, Publicity Director and Sara Garcia, Parade Director.

The next event for the Krewe will be August 15, 2020 and will celebrate their theme from Mardi Gras, The British Invasion.

The Krewe of Diamondhead is incorporated as a not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Mississippi. The Krewe is formed as a civic body for social purposes and Mardi Gras entertainment.



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in Mississippi, and we appreciate the support and enthusiasm the state and local economic development leaders have shown us, and our parent company, Kuraray.”

“Aptly positioned on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Calgon Carbon’s innovative products help industries and communities clean their air and water to protect our precious natural resources,” Gov. Tate Reeves said in

the release. “This \$185 million expansion will further boost production capacity, increasing investment in our natural resources for future generations. Tapping into our skilled workforce and creating 38 new jobs, I’m excited to see more Mississippians get to work and help make these important products that are used across our great nation and the world.”

The Pearlinton plant sits on 100 acres within the Port Bienville Industrial Park and has 200,000 square feet of production space and 42 employees, accord-

ing to the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission. Once the expansion is complete, which is expected in late 2022, the facility will be approximately 400,000 square feet with 80 employees, the company said.





***“And the star-spangled banner*
forever shall wave
O’er the land of the free and the
home of the brave!”***

-Francis Scott Key

As we celebrate Independence Day, we are once again reminded that freedom is not free. Just as America fought for independence in 1776, American troops continue to defend freedom around the world today. July Fourth is a day to honor the men and women who have sacrificed so much to protect our liberty. It’s a day to proudly celebrate our great country and the ideals it represents.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX EFFORT BAY ST. LOUIS-WAVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District will hold a public hearing on its proposed school district budget for fiscal year 2021 on July 13, 2020 at 5:30pm at the Superintendent’s Office, 200 North Second Street, Bay St. Louis, MS. At this meeting, a proposed ad valorem tax effort will be considered.

The Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$19,310,100. Of that amount, 45.54 percent or \$8,793,650 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$19,993,335. Of that amount, 45.02 percent or \$9,000,000 is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the proposed increase in ad valorem tax effort by Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District may result in an increase in the ad valorem tax millage rate. Ad valorem taxes are paid on homes, automobile tags, business fixtures and equipment, and rental real property.

Any citizen of Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax effort, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.



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The fishing has been great lately. The best part of it, is that the fishing has been good EVERYWHERE. We have had boats fishing from Lake Borgne to Cat Island. The nearshore reefs off Hancock and Harrison county have been steady too. A lot of the fish we have been catching, have been on live shrimp and live minnows.

We have been running the boats everyday. In doing so, we always break stuff. On our last multi day/night Cat Island trip, I had my GPS, VHF, and trolling motor give me trouble. Had to work a few trips without the GPS and VHF. In many ways it's terrifying, and others it's liberating. I'm am NOT knocking the need for these elections, especially the VHF. I was in cell range, so I could text or call if I had an emergency.

Without the GPS, you



Shore Thing Fishing Report

By Cpt. Sonny
Schindler

do have freedom. You need to know your surroundings, but finding an actual "X" on the map is close to impossible. Without a GPS, you have a little more incentive to explore. I've got my "honey holes," but I'll be honest, most of my best fishing trips began exploring.

Don't be afraid to NOT look at that GPS every few seconds. Use your eyes and ears, and trust your gut.



Summer basketball camp at SSC

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

With the state waking up from quarantine sleep more and more each week, there is a need to find activities for the young ones as the summer progresses.

For the third summer, the Saint Stanislaus basketball coaching staff will host a youth basketball camp July 13-17 for boys and girls in grades first through ninth (ages 6-14).

The camp will run daily from 9am until 12:30pm and is designed to focus on basic fundamentals, the rules of the game, drill concepts, foot work, defensive coordination, speed control, offensive coordination, player positioning,

perfecting the dribble and assisting your team.

The camp will utilize both the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium and the Blaize Fitness Center gymnasium.

Each gym will have a director for the camp activities. Former SSC state champion basketball player Ramone Tate will be one director while former Bay High Lady Tiger state champion basketball player Christa Reed will be the other.

Tate was also the Division 8-4A Player of the Year and a Junior College All-Star selection. Reed was Mississippi's Gatorade Player of the Year, McDonald's All-American nominee, Top 50 player in the country, current Vander-

bilt University women's basketball record holder, and currently plays in the European women's basketball league.

The cost for the camp is \$129 for early bird registration prior to July 4th and \$149 after July

4th. For more information, please contact SSC head coach Aaron Dunklin at (228) 467-9057, ext. 273, or by using the registration link <https://ststan.com/basketball-camp/may2020/registration/>



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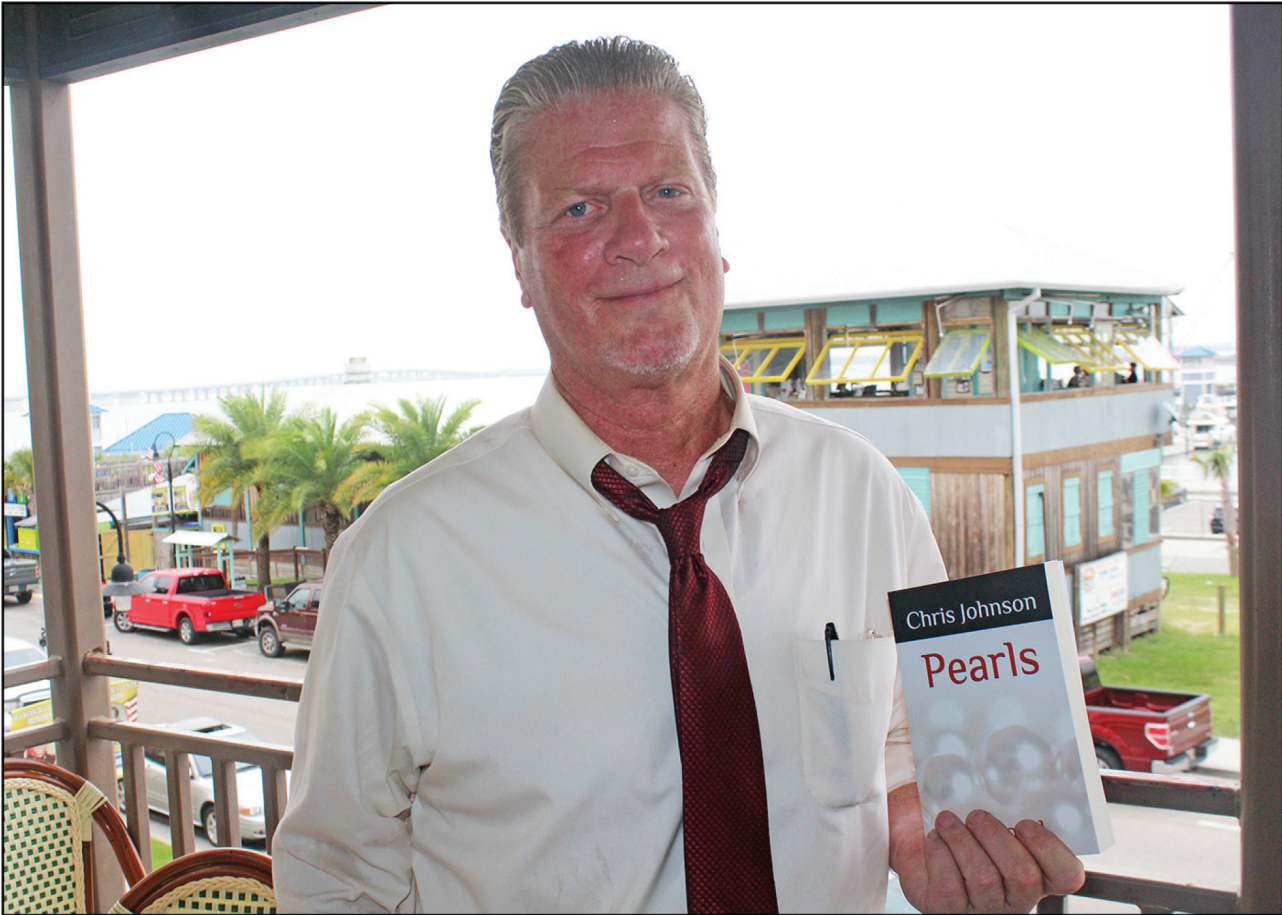


Photo by Geoff Belcher

The Hancock Chamber, Hancock County Library System and Bay Books on Thursday hosted a launch party at Trapani’s Eatery in Bay St. Louis for local attorney Chris Johnson’s new novel “Pearls.” The book — described by one reviewer as “Grisham-esque” — features protagonist John Hart, a Bay St. Louis native who realized the American dream as a high-powered attorney for a prestigious New Orleans law firm before losing it all in a terrible family tragedy. Now, years later, he’s been given “an offer he can’t refuse” to defend a businessman who is alleged to be the head of the New Orleans mafia against a charge of murder. Johnson’s book — populated by a host of colorful characters -- paints vivid portraits of both the French Quarter and the Bay, while immersing the reader in a tale that is by turns thrilling, heart-breaking and laugh-out-loud funny. The book is available both at Bay Books and on Amazon.

Pearl River announces summer showcase

Pearl River’s softball program is hosting a summer showcase for unsigned high school athletes. The Wildcat staff will welcome rising high school freshmen to graduated seniors to Wildcat Stadium on July 11. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the clinic will run from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Following a lunch break, games will commence at 2:30 p.m. During the clinic, athletes will be tested on home-to-first and around-the-bases sprint speed, catcher pop times and pitcher velocity and spin rates. Participants are asked to bring their own softball gear. “Everyone should come with a passion and desire to show their talents,” Pearl River coach Christie Meeks said. “We are ready to meet some future Wildcats.” To register, visit PRCCSoftballCamps.com. Pre-registration is discounted at \$50, while walk-up participants will pay \$60.

Celebrate July 4th with VFW Post 4808 and The Country Gentlemen

The annual Independence Day Event at Bayou Caddy Memorial VFW Post 4808 is scheduled for to start at noon on Saturday, July 4, with free food and entertainment. The event is sponsored by the Country Gentlemen Band. All veterans and the public are welcome. VFW out 4808 is located at 7316 Lower Bay Rd., Bay St. Louis.



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Happy Independence Day
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